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Honorable Charles L. Brieant  
United State District Court  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: United States vs. Tarquin McClusky  
07 CR 678 (CLB)

Dear Judge Brieant:

I have two daughters, ages 34 and 36, and five grandchildren. My children are a very important part of my life, and I spend a lot of pleasant time with them. I am a retired nuclear engineering inspector, having worked 37 years on the job. My church, the Reformed Dutch Church of Hyde Park, is a big part of my life. I was the Hyde Park Democratic Committee Chairman for four years, active in the PTA, and the Boy Scouts of America.

I have known Tarquin and his family for six years. We have become church family friends, shared many meals together, and have worked on a number of church projects together. Tarquin has always been a good father and husband, is very active in our church, and is well-liked by many members of our congregation.

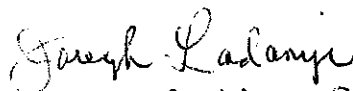
I am aware of Tarquin's guilty plea. Pastor Thom Fiet and I have spent many private hours with Tarquin, talking and praying together. Tarquin has demonstrated much remorse over his actions and has shed many, many tears. He is truly sorry for what he has done. He has entered psychotherapy and a 12 Step Recovery Program to deal with his issues. Because of his positive actions and remorse, his wife and children still love him very much.

I am a recovering alcoholic, now sober for 23 years, by the grace of God, and I am very active in a 12 Step Fellowship. I have done years of therapy and for a brief time was an addictions counselor intern. I have sponsored many people in a 12 Step Fellowship.

In my heart I know that Tarquin is working very hard to overcome his problems. It is my most sincere hope that when you make your judgement you will take into consideration the many positive things that Tarquin has to his credit: his sincere remorse, his participating in a 12 Step Recovery Program and receiving psychotherapy, and the support of a solid, loving family and church community.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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